



# February Newsletter 2024

*'Walk in the Light of Christ'*

Dear parents and carers,

I am aware that the New Build continues to be a long time in the waiting but we are in a very lucky position that we will eventually have a lovely new building, as you will have seen in the news that a lot of school buildings across the country are crumbling. We have regular update meetings and continue to be reassured that we will absolutely get our new school building and that it will start within the next few months.

The staff are in the process of trying to organise school trips before the end of the year but there are still a number of parents who have still not downloaded MCAS. It is essential that you do so as this is the main means of communication and payments.

As always, if you have any questions regarding the information provided in the newsletter, please do not hesitate in contacting the office.

Yours thankfully,

Mrs R Whyte

## Community Ambassadors and Mini Vinnies

The views and opinions of our pupils are very important in the decision making of our school. We have various ways of obtaining their views including Pupil Voice and Questionnaires. The Community Ambassadors, which incorporates Eco-Warriors, Fair Trade, Rights Respecting Steering Group and Student Council is led by Mrs Linley. In addition to this, Mrs Dybell leads our Mini Vinnies (who contribute to the Catholic Life, Collective Worship and RE aspects of our school) and our Sports Leaders who are led by Mrs McGough. If you have any contributions or questions regarding our student groups, please do not hesitate in contacting the office.

## Fundraising and Charity Work

- Easter Egg Raffle-raising money for school funds
  - Donations of eggs continue to be gratefully received
  - Tickets (50p each) will be on sale from 18<sup>th</sup> March
  - Raffle takes place on 27<sup>th</sup> March
- Movie Nights-ref to Diary Dates
- CAFOD 'Walk for Life'
  - ref to Lent and CAFOD section

## Parent View and Website

A link for the Parent Questionnaire will be sent out via email within the coming days, please look out for it and complete it as soon as you can. There was a good response to this last year which had a very positive impact on outcomes for our RE inspection. All newsletters, correspondence and information for parents are available on the website, as is information in regard to the curriculum. Please can parents view this and let us know if you have any further suggestions.

### Sports and Whole School Events

Swimming Fortnight for Year 4/5 and Skip2bFit were both received positively by the pupils this term.

We are particularly proud of the Y5/6 football team who have represented the school brilliantly so far this year.

Year 6 are looking forward to their residential to Carlton Outdoor Adventure Centre later this term.



### Achievement Assemblies

We look forward to seeing who will win end of term achievements at the end of term. Parents are welcome to attend the End of Term Achievement Assembly. Photos of our weekly winners are shared on Dojo and Seesaw each week.

### Lent and CAFOD

Ash Wednesday, marked the start of Lent as we prepare for Easter through the way we 'Give, Act and Pray'. Our Mini-Vinnies have again organised the whole school sponsored event to support CAFOD's 'Big Lent Walk' campaign, which was very successful last year with £800 raised. The money raised will be towards helping to fight global poverty. It takes place on St Joseph's Day, 19<sup>th</sup> March, pupils can come in Fancy Dress and all families will receive an envelope for donations.

### Wednesday Word

Please remember to share the 'Wednesday Word' readings, prayers and activities as a family which we continue to share weekly on Seesaw.

### Diary Dates

Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Start collections of Easter Eggs for Easter Egg Raffle
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Y1,2 and 3 Movie Night Y4,5, and 6 Movie Night -Paper letters with information for both nights will go out directly with the pupils
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day-Information Letter emailed before half term, sent out via Seesaw and is on the website
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Signing sheets available for Parent's Evening-Main Entrance
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Rec/Y6 Height and Weight Check
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Raffle tickets on sale for Easter Egg Raffle-50p each
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	St Joseph's Feast Day Celebrations Pupils can come in Fancy Dress for the Big Lent Walk which will also take place on this day
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> -Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Year 6 Carlton Residential
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> and Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultation Evenings-Signing sheets for times will be available in the Main Entrance from 11 <sup>th</sup> March
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Egg Decorating Competition-Information to follow
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	9.15 am Rec, Y 1 and 2 Easter Liturgy and Dance-Parents welcome 9.15 am End of Term Achievement Assembly-Parents welcome 1.15 pm KS2 Easter Service-Parents Welcome
29 <sup>th</sup> March (Good Friday) -12 <sup>th</sup> April	School Closed for Easter Holidays -Pupils return on 15 <sup>th</sup> April